

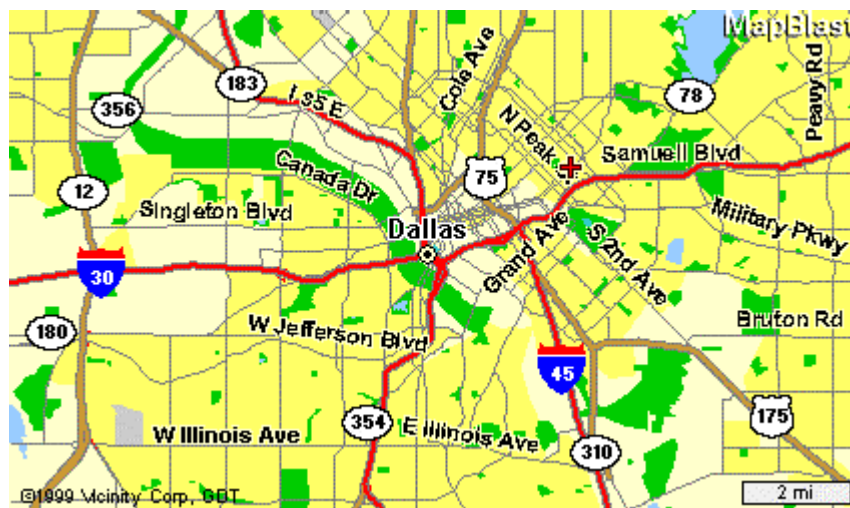
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Dallas, Texas

Profile of Drug Indicators

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Dallas

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 1,052,300 (1998 estimate)
- Gender: 50.9% female, 49.1% male
- Age: 0-4 years 8.6%, 5-17 years 18.4%, 18-44 years 47.2%, 45-64 years 17.2%, 65 years and older 8.6%
- Race/Ethnicity: 47.67% White, 29.50% African American, 20.27% Hispanic, 2.05% Asian, .36% Native American, .16% Other

Politics²

- Mayor: Ronald Kirk
- City Manager: Teodoro J. Benavides
- Chief of Police: Bennie R. Click
- Health Services Director: Beverly J. Weaver
- Court and Detention Services Director: Jiroko F.M. Rosales
- Director of the North Texas HIDTA: David H. Israelson

Programs/Initiatives

- Since 1992, the U. S. Attorney's Office and the Dallas Police Department have been working along side the citizens and service providers in East Dallas to build a Weed and Seed program. In 1995, a defined area in East Dallas was "officially designated" as a Weed and Seed site.
During 1996, the community, through six stakeholders meetings, engaged in the Healthy Communities planning process following the National Civic League's program. As a follow-up to the Healthy Communities initiative, the Community Revitalization Organization of East Dallas (CROED, East Dallas Weed and Seed), a community development and service organization, was formed to improve the quality of life in East Dallas through the promotion of crime prevention, public cooperation, and development of economic opportunities, by encouraging a concentrated and synergistic effort from the residents of East Dallas.³
- The North Texas HIDTA was designated by ONDCP in 1998 and is headquartered in Dallas. The following counties are involved with the HIDTA: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Lubbock, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Texas.⁴

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- The total number of crime in the Dallas area fell .03% from 100,594 in 1997 to 100,624 in 1998.⁵

Index Crime in Dallas, Texas 1997-1998

Crime	1997	1998
Murder	209	252
Rape	744	724
Robbery	5,626	5,878
Aggravated Assault	8,336	9,078
Burglary	17,755	18,755
Larceny Theft	50,586	49,281
Motor Vehicle Theft	17,368	16,626
Total	100,624	100,594

Arrests in Dallas County, 1998

Offense	Number of Arrests	% of Total Arrests
DWI	8,673	3.0%
Liquor Laws	1,050	0.4%
Public Intoxication	23,343	8.0%
Traffic All Drugs	1,623	0.6%
Possession All Drugs	11,268	3.8%
Traffic Marijuana	62	-----
Possession Marijuana	5,279	-----
All Drug Offenses	12,891	4.4%
Violent Crimes	4,457	1.5%

- During 1998 in Dallas 63.4% of male arrestees and 48.9% of female arrestees tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrest.⁶

Percent of Dallas Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs by Offense Category, 1998

Offense	Cocaine		Marijuana		Methamp.		PCP		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	24.2	30.0	36.0	20.0	2.5	0.0	1.9	0.0	54.0	50.0
Property	29.5	26.5	42.6	25.3	3.7	4.8	4.5	0.0	62.7	49.4
Drug	41.0	28.0	62.8	36.0	2.6	4.0	2.6	0.0	89.7	52.0
Prostitution	40.0	73.3	40.0	20.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	60.0	80.0
Other	25.0	24.3	39.8	21.6	4.5	4.1	4.5	0.0	59.1	40.5
Total	29.0	29.5	43.1	24.2	3.3	4.0	3.5	0.0	63.4	48.9

Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs in Dallas 1st Quarter, 1999⁷

Drug Type	Male	Female
Cocaine	20%	42%
Opiates	6%	5%
Marijuana	43%	27%
Methamphetamine	4%	2%

Drugs⁷

- Cocaine/Crack
Treatment admissions in Dallas for crack dropped from 21% of all admissions in 1991 to 19% of admissions in 1998. Admissions for powder cocaine accounted for 11 percent of all admissions in 1991 but dropped to 8% in 1998.
- Heroin
In Dallas snortable heroin is becoming increasingly available while the price is dropping. Between 1997 and 1998 emergency room mentions and treatment admissions for heroin remained stable in Dallas.
- Marijuana
In Dallas marijuana costs \$35-\$55 per ounce. All statistics in Dallas report an increase in use of marijuana by adults.
- Methamphetamine
Most of the methamphetamine in Dallas originates in Mexico but local labs are increasing. Statistics indicate that methamphetamine use is on the rise in Dallas.
- Other Drugs
GHB use by white young adults at nightclubs is rising in Dallas. LSD availability is increasing in Dallas and sells for \$2-\$2.50 per dose.

Consequences of Use⁷

- In Dallas County there were 1,043 alcohol related deaths and 313 drug related deaths in 1998. Of the drug related deaths 207 of them were directly related to the use of drugs.

Treatment⁷

- In 1998 there were 3,427 admissions to treatment facilities in Dallas. This was 8.8% of all admissions in Texas. The average age was 34.8, 54% were male, 24.9% were African American, 62.5% were white, and 9.4% were Hispanic.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² City of Dallas Web site: <http://www.ci.dallas.tx.us/>

³ Executive Office of Weed and Seed Web site: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/eows.htm>

⁴ Office of National Drug Control Policy Web site: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov>

⁵ Texas Department of Public Safety, *Crime in Texas: 1998, 1999*

⁶ National Institute of Justice, *1998 Annual Report on Drug Use Among Adult and Juvenile Arrestees*, April 1999

⁷ Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, *Substance Abuse Trends in Texas: June 1999, 1999*

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